

EFFECTIVE

February 1, 2013.

Subject

Safe Sleep.

**GENERAL
INSTRUCTIONS**

Policy in PSM 713-1 and PSM 714-1 will be updated to reflect this policy change.

During a CPS investigation and an ongoing CPS case involving a child 12-months of age or younger living in the home, CPS must:

- Conduct a home visit to observe the infant's sleep environment and record the observation in the narrative of the CPS Investigative Report, DHS-154. The documentation should address whether:
 - The infant is sleeping alone.
 - If the infant has a bed, bassinet or portable crib.
 - If there is anything in the infant's bed.
 - If the mattress is firm with tight fitting sheets.
- Inform the parents of safe sleep and the dangers of not providing a safe sleep environment. When discussing this with the parents, the worker should:
 - Utilize established safe sleep educational materials.
 - Educate the family about how to provide a safe-sleep environment for their child.

If the infant is not provided with a safe sleeping environment, the worker will make attempts to assist the family in obtaining one and document the attempts. DHS may utilize the following to help secure the safe sleep environment:

- Friends/family members.
- Community resources.
- Local office funds.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**